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Oranienburg Area

1. At Schloss Schwante, near Oranienburg (Z-67), training courses lasting three weeks were held for Red Army battalion commanders. Fifteen to twenty officers attended each course. 50X1-HUM
2. The head of the school was Major Jansonsohn who is a member of the Communist Party and, as such, was also political officer of the course.
3. The theoretical instruction was given at Schloss Schwante itself, while the practical exercises were carried out in the neighborhood of Schwante and in the Luch area near Kremen (Z-57). Live ammunition was used in training exercises at the latter place.
4. The infantry units stationed in Gross Zietzen, Sommerswalde, and Kremen also participated in the training.

6. there were 5,000 troops stationed at Oranienburg airfield.

Fürstenwalde Area

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7. New hutment camps were constructed in the general area of Fürstenwalde (V-33) and approximately 17,000 infantry troops were accommodated there. These infantry troops, unaffected by the current troop movements, had been in the area for a considerable time. There is also a newly-equipped heavy workshop for motor vehicles in Fürstenwalde.

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Cottbus (A-57)

8. The former Hermann Lons Kaserne was being used [redacted] to house some 4,000 infantrymen who were armed with machine-pistols, carbines, and heavy and light machine guns of Russian manufacture. The unit was undergoing training with the "Panzerfaust" in the fields adjoining the barracks. 50X1-HUM
9. The former Realschule buildings situated in the Berlinerstrasse, Cottbus, were being used as a military hospital [redacted] as was another building in the same street. There were 2,000 patients, the majority of whom were suffering from venereal diseases. The hospital embraced surgical, medical, dermatological, ear, nose, and throat departments, and was staffed by Russian doctors. The latter often called in German practitioners for consultation. Medicines were in poor supply, but the standard of bandaging material was exceptionally high. The cleanliness of the hospital left much to be desired and disinfection was very haphazard. The food provided for the patients was of very poor quality and complaints from the patients on this score were frequent. 50X1-HUM

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